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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an European Search Report in connection with the above-identified application, together with copies of documents cited in this European Search Report. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the documents cited in the enclosed European Search Report.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the English abstract and reference to the cited documents in the enclosed European Search Report.

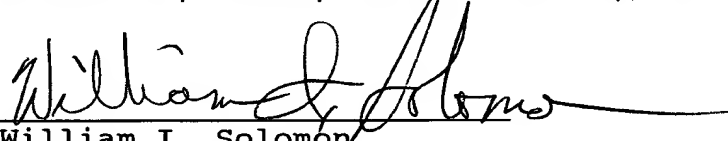
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with documents on the enclosed

List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.38038X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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